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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of former Danville Commissioner of Parks and Public Property, Raymond T. "Ray" Randall, who passed away on January 24, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Randall was born in Danville on May 26, 1933 to Raymond D. and Leona L. (nee Thirion) Randall; he served in the United States Navy as a Second Class Yeoman during the Korean conflict; he married Phyllis Varner on April 16, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Randall worked in sales at Thirion Glass Co. for several years and later at Hyster NACCO; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Randall served for 12 years as Danville's Commissioner of Parks and Public Property under the city's former mayor-commission form of government; as Commissioner, he made many playground renovations, acquired grants for improvements to Ellsworth Park, and implemented summer park play and recreation programs; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Randall was a member of Danville American Legion Post 210, the Knights of Columbus, the Danville Rotary Club, UCT, and the Danville Elks; he was a Red Vest volunteer

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1 at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center with over 12,000
2 hours of community service from 1993 until 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, Raymond Randall enjoyed bowling in the Elks
4 bowling league and was active in Little League baseball with
5 the Danville American Legion; he was an avid St. Louis
6 Cardinals fan and loved sports; he could be found in the stands
7 at all his grandkids' sporting events, and when he was not in
8 the stands cheering on their teams, he was in the announcer's
9 booth as The Voice of the Toppers for Schlarman High School for
10 several years; and

11 WHEREAS, Raymond Randall was preceded in death by his
12 parents; his wife, Phyllis; and his son, Mick Randall; and

13 WHEREAS, Raymond Randall is survived by his son, Rick
14 (Mary) Randall; his daughters, Terri (Larry) Jagers and Cherri
15 (Scott) Drews; his grandchildren, Christin (Dusty)
16 Randall-Murray, Cory Randall, Tara (Zack) Holycross, Travis
17 Jagers, Blair Drews, and Brock Drews; his
18 great-grandchildren, Caden Billingsley, Jaycie Jenkins, Cooper
19 and Cruz Murray, and Easton Drews; his sister, Jackie (Roman)
20 Wagner; his special niece, Pat Cunningham; and many nieces and
21 nephews; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 former Danville Commissioner of Parks and Public Property,
3 Raymond T. "Ray" Randall, and extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Raymond Randall as an expression of our deepest
8 sympathy.